

(c) Amendments to the Claims:

Please replace claims 1-3 with new claims 4-17. The following is a complete listing of the claims, reflects all present changes and replaces all earlier listings:

1. -3. (Cancelled)

4. (New) A top emission display device comprising in sequence:

- (a) a substrate;
- (b) an insulating layer;
- (c) a display region comprising an organic EL element which organic

EL element comprises, in sequence, beginning from the insulating layer, (i) a lower electrode, (ii) an organic compound layer and (iii) a light extraction side upper electrode, said lower electrode and light extraction side upper electrode sandwiching said organic compound layer; and

(d) a protective layer covering the organic EL element, wherein the organic EL element is surrounded by the insulating layer and the protective layer.

5. (New) The display device according to claim 4, wherein an end of the protective layer is in contact with the insulating layer.

6. (New) The display device according to claim 4 wherein the

insulating layer is in contact with the lower electrode.

7. (New) The display device according to claim 4, wherein the insulating layer is not provided at an edge of the substrate.

8. (New) The display device according to claim 4, wherein the protective layer is provided extending outside the insulating layer.

9. (New) The display device according to claim 4, wherein the organic EL element is connected to a TFT.

10. (New) The display device according to claim 4, wherein the upper electrode is ITO.

11. (New) The display device according to claim 4, which comprises a plurality of the organic EL element.

12. (New) The display device according to claim 1, which comprises a plurality of the organic EL element and an element separating portion between adjacent organic EL elements.

13. (New) The display device according to claim 12, wherein the element

separating porting is SiN.

14. (New) The display device according to claim 12, wherein the element separating portion is polyamide or acrylic resin.

15. (New) The display device according to claim 12, wherein te element separating portion covers a part of the lower electrode.

16. (New) The display device according to claim 12, further comprising an element separating portion covering layer which covers the element separating portion.

17. (New) The display device according to claim 4, further comprising, between the substrate and the insulating layer, a flattening insulating film and a second insulating layer.